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#### Preface.

The opening exercises of this volume are no more difficult than those which appear at the beginning of the previous volumes. This will enable those who need elementary practice to secure it, while the more advanced classes will be able to sing the exercises at sight with greater musical effect.

The vocal drill exercises become more varied, and are consequently of greater value in instruction. It should be remembered that they are useful, not only for clear and rapid enunciation, but they are used with their parallels to teach chromatic effects and phrasing, as well as to familiarize the pupils with more intricate forms of rhythm.

The selected songs of this volume are from the best classical composers, and it will be found that the previous training has, in all cases, been sufficient to enable the pupils to read them at sight.

#### Directions.

Chart Series G accompanies this book, study from which should precede the lessons here. The simple exercises in the beginning may be taken with greater rapidity and finish; they should not be regarded merely as exercises for sight-reading.

The Dictation lessons of this volume are especially designed to familiarize the pupils with forms of scale and varieties of meter.

Many of the songs of this volume appear with piano-forte accompaniment. The teacher will have the pupils study the melody until they are so familiar with it that they can sing it without being disconcerted by the piano.

The usual Patriotic and Devotional Songs are to be found in this volume, together with new ones of like character with those which have appeared in the preceding volumes. When they are sung by all the grades, the unison plan may be adopted, or the lower grades may sing the melody while the upper grades sing in parts.

# SECTION I.





REPEAT.

2, 3, 4 METER SIGNATURES.

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\* Vocal Drill, see Directions.



WHOLE NOTE. . HALF NOTE. ↓ QUARTER NOTE. ↓ EIGHTH NOTE. ↑ SIXTEENTH NOTE. → HALF REST. ↑ QUARTER REST. ↑ EIGHTH REST. ↑ SIXTEENTH REST.

A dot placed after a note increases its value one half, thus: dequals or did, dequals dor did, dequals dor did,

# Vocal Drill.



Ex. 14. Ch. Ser. G. Page 11, Ex. 4.



Ex. 15.



Ex. 16.



Ex. 17.



Ex. 18. Ch. Ser. G. Page 11, Ex. 3.



Ex. 19.



<sup>\*</sup>  $Vocal\ Drill.$ — The vocal drill is represented in two ways. a, which is the simpler, form, is intended as a key to b. When a is perfectly learned, and can be sung freely with the syllable loo, attention should be directed to b. When b is sung freely with the syllable loo, apply the syllables shown below the exercise, and sing with these until it is mastered.

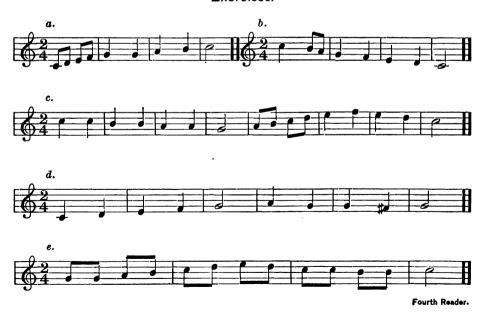
#### Dictation.

Dictation exercises consist of elements already made familiar to the ear and eye by previous practice. The object is to give the pupil the power to write what he hears, but the immediate result of these lessons should be: (1) more careful attention; (2) greater acuteness of hearing; (3) better knowledge of note progressions; (4) a deeper impression of tone effects; (5) careful observation of musical notation; (6) increased power to read music.

#### Directions.

The teacher should require the pupils to draw the staff and place the clef. After singing the scale to fix the tones in the pupils' minds, she calls attention to the position of Do upon the staff. She should then sing the exercise slowly, with the syllable Loo; and the children should write the notes upon the staff. Afterwards the correct representation should be placed before them, errors corrected, and new trials made.

## Exercises.



## No. 1.

# The American Flag.

Words by Joseph Rodman Drake. (American author, 1795-1820.) Moderato.\* When free - dom, from her moun - tain height, Un-furl'd her stand - ard She to the air, robe of night, And tore the az - ure set the stars of there; She min - gled with glo gor - geous dyes The milk - y bal - dric of the skies, And striped its pure, ce les - trial white, With streak - ing the morn - ing light; the She Then from his man-sion in sun called her ea - gle down, And bear - er in - to his gave might - y hand The sym - bol of cho - sen band! her

<sup>\*</sup>Moderato (Italian), moderately; in moderate speed.



\* A sharp, flat, or natural placed before a note, as in Ex. 22, is called an accidental, and the tone which it indicates is called a chromatic tone.

\$ SHARP. b FLAT. \$ NATURAL.

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KEY SIGNATURE.

## Vocal Drill.



the position of Do. The flat farthest to the right is always on Fa, and the sharp farthest to the right is always on Si.

TIE. Two notes on the same line or space, joined by a tie, are sung as one note having their united value.

## No. 2.

# Guardian Angels.

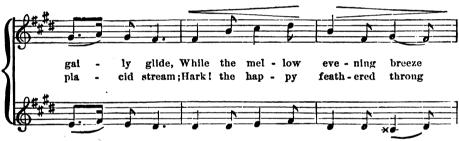


<sup>\*</sup> Semplice (Italian), simply; in a simple and unaffected manner. † p, abbreviation of the Italian word piano, meaning softly.



The meter signatures in common use are  $\frac{2}{2}$ ,  $\frac{2}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{8}$ ,  $\frac{4}{4}$  (C, sometimes used instead of  $\frac{4}{4}$ );  $\frac{6}{8}$ ,  $\frac{9}{8}$ , and  $\frac{12}{8}$  are also quite common. In every case the figures show the note value in each full measure; e.g.,  $\frac{2}{2}$  means that each full measure must contain the value of two half notes;  $\frac{2}{4}$  means that each full measure must contain the value of two quarter notes. The upper figure shows also the number of beats or pulses to a measure; e.g., in  $\frac{3}{4}$  meter each measure receives three beats.







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<sup>\*</sup>Rit. Abbreviation of the Italian word ritardando, meaning to diminish the speed; or to sing a trifle slower.



¢ Meter Mark. This indicates that two beats are to be given to each measure. Observe the difference between  $C \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $A \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Accent. —The first beat of every measure should be accented, but in 4 and 6 meters, a secondary accent, weaker than the first, falls on the third and fourth beats respectively. The effect of the secondary accent in 4 meter is illustrated by the word com pro-mis ing.



\* Norg.— When it is desired that the tones of a measure like this short and detached, it may be indicated by placing dots under the notes, thus:

or by using notes of a less value with rests after them, thus:

this case, then, simply indicate the way in which the measure should be rendered, and do not cause a pause in the music. This is a point of the highest importance, as children frequently suppose there must be a count or a beat for the rests, which they find almost impossible to give. But if they are once assured that in such cases the rests are not to be considered, except as affecting the notes, the difficulty is removed.



The word chromatic is derived from the Greek chroma meaning a color. Chromatic tones are so called because they were at one time indicated by notes of a different color from the others. They are now indicated by Sharps(\*), Flats(\*), or Naturals(\*).

## Dictation.

The key is D. The signature is . Where is Do in this key? The meter is 3. What must each measure contain in 3 meter? Where does the accent fall in 3 meter? The teacher will call attention to the dotted note . . . . To familiarize the ear with this effect the teacher may have the children sing such examples of it as occur in "America" (page 135). Flat seven, which is also introduced here, is represented by placing a natural (\*) on si or seven of the scale; thus,

#### Exercises.

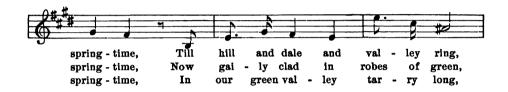


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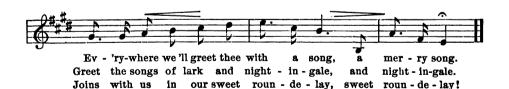
# Return of Spring.

ROBERT SCHUMANN. (German composer, 1810-1856,)









\*Moderato; moderately, as to speed.

The hold increases the value of a note at least one beat.



<sup>\*</sup>See Chart Series G. Page 12, Ex. 2.

The scale may begin on any staff degree.



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The Bobolink.



p, piano, softly.

increase the tone power.

decrease the tone power.



The lines and spaces of the staff are called staff degrees.

The staff degrees are lettered, thus:





<sup>\*</sup> mf, abbreviation of the Italian words mezzo and forte, meaning in a medium degree of strength; hence, moderately loud.

\*\*\* f, abbreviation of the Italian word forte, meaning strong.

<sup>\*\*</sup> cres., abbreviation of the Italian word crescendo, meaning to increase the tone power.

# Vocal Drill.



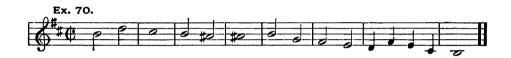


The clef is used to show how the staff degrees are lettered. The G clef ( ), which is a modified Gothic G, shows the position of the letter G. From this the letters of the other staff degrees are easily found.

# Vocal Drill.













The first note of the scale, or Do, is called the key note.

The name of the staff degree on which the key note occurs is also the name of the key.

## Dictation.

The key is E. The signature is . Where is Do in this key? The meter is 4. What must each measure contain in 4 meter? Where does the accent fall in 4 meter? The features of this lesson are the evenly divided beat and the introduction of the tone Ti or sharp five. To familiarize the ear with the effect of the divided beat some exercises should be sung. Sharp five or Ti is represented in the key by placing a sharp on five or sol, thus:

#### Exercises.





When we speak of the key of an exercise we simply mean that the tones of the exercise are to be found in the scale beginning on the key note. Scales beginning and ending on Do are called major scales.

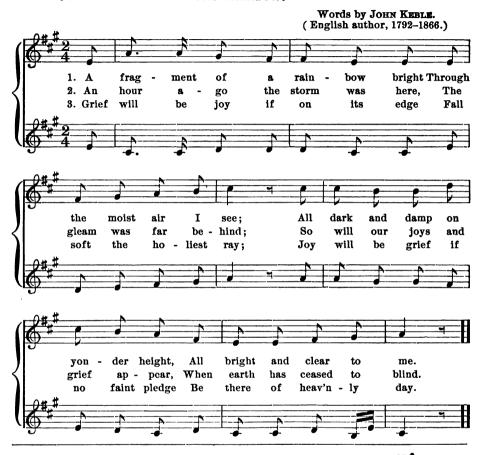
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By the key of A, we mean that the notes of the exercise are to be found in the scale beginning on the staff degree lettered A, or as we say, beginning on A.

No. 7.

The Rainbow.



The key signature shows us where Do is. In this case the signature being formed of sharps we know that the one farthest to the right is on Si or seven of the scale. Going down from this we come to Do to being in this case on the staff degree known as A, we say this is in the key of A.



If there is no key signature we know that Do is on the third space, or C, and the exercise is most likely in the key of C. If tones are used that are not in the scale indicated by the key signature, they are distinguished by accidentals, and are called chromatic tones.



A scale beginning and ending on La is frequently used. This scale is called the minor scale. The key signature remains unchanged, however, so that it is by noticing the tone effect that we discover that La instead of Do is the keynote.

# No. 8. Give thy Heart's Best Treasures!



mf, mezzo forte, moderately loud.

Rit., ritardando, to decrease the speed.

### Vocal Drill.



\*Three beats to a measure.

If La instead of Do be the keynote, the staff degree on which La occurs gives the name to the key.



If the La of a minor scale is on A, as in the vocal drill above, we say that the exercise is in A minor, but as the two parts of the vocal drill sound alike, and both are minor scales, we see that Do may be made to give the effect of La. This is done by introducing a chromatic tone. The name of the scale is the same, however, the two parts of the exercise being but two ways of writing the same scale.

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Notes in groups of three, as in the exercise above, are called triplets. The first note of each triplet should be accented.

### Dictation.

The key is F. The signature is . Where is Do in this key? The meter is 3. What must each measure contain in 3 meter? Where does the accent fall in 3 meter? The feature of this lesson is the folowing rhythm . which is taught by the parallel . The teacher should familiarize the ear with this rhythm by singing some exercises which represent it.

# Exercises.









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The upper part of the first exercise consists of two scales; the first is a major scale, the second is a minor scale. What is the name of each?



In what keys are the exercises on this page? Are they founded on major or minor scales?



Are the exercises on this page founded on major or minor scales? What chromatic tone occurs most frequently?



p, piano, softly. cres., crescendo, to increase the tone power.



Many exercises begin in one key and pass into another. The change is brought about by introducing the notes of another scale, shown usually by accidentals. The first exercise on this page begins in C and ends in G.

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### 47 Pleyel's Hymn. No. 11. Music by IGNACE PLEYEL. (German composer, 1757-1831.) Words by John Cennick, 1742. King, 1. Chil dren of the heav'n ly 2. Lord, go, be dient ly we $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}$ ney, sweet ly sing; yе jour Glad all ly leav ing be low; Sing your Sav ho praise, iour's l<u>y</u> On ly Thou our lead be, er Glo rious His in works and ways. And still will fol Thee. we low

### Dictation.

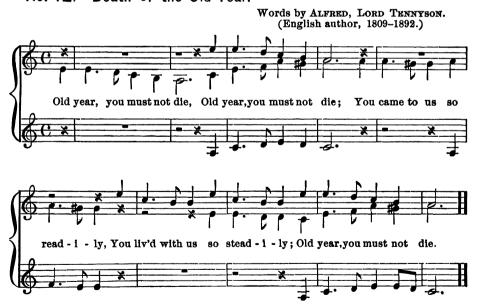
The key is G. The signature is . Where is Do in this key? The meter is 3. What must each measure contain in 3 meter? Where does the accent fall in 3 meter? The following exercises illustrate the evenly divided beat, the unevenly divided beat, sharp four, sharp five, and flat seven. The teacher may familiarize the pupils with these effects by singing exercises which contain them.

### Exercises.





No. 12. Death of the Old Year.

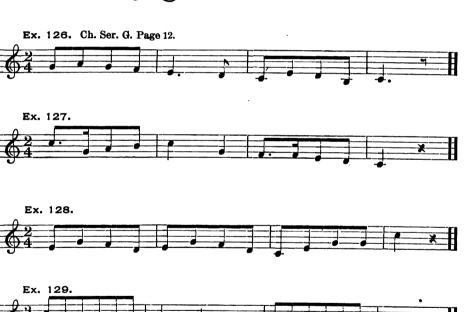




# SECTION II.

### Vocal Drill.

Ex. 125.



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Ex. 130.



<sup>\*</sup>These exercises should be sung very slowly, with marked but not excessive accents.

We think of each succeeding tone of the ascending scale as higher than the one before it. The tones at the top of the scale we call high tones; those at the bottom we call low tones. This property of tones which enables us to distinguish them by the words high and low is called pitch.



The pitch of tones is indicated by the position of the note on the staff. A note separated from the staff represents no particular pitch. In studying the representation of pitch, therefore, we must study the staff, rather than the notes.

### Dictation.

The key is C. The signature is . The meter is 2. Where is Do in this key? What must each measure contain in 2 meter?

# Exercises.



The teacher will call attention to the divided beat, and familiarize the ear with its effect by singing some exercises containing it.



Sharp four or fi is represented by placing a # on four, thus:



Each line and space of the staff is called a degree, and each degree represents a certain pitch. Many attempts have been made to settle upon a standard of pitch, which should be accepted by musicians in all countries, but the results are not entirely satisfactory as yet, though the variation from the standard proposed is but slight.

#### The Miller of the Dee. No. 13. Words by Charles Kingsley. Old English Air. (English author, 1819-1875.) Quickly. 1. There jol mill was a ly er once Lived 1 live by mv mill. she is to me Like the riv er Dee; He worked and sang from on I ent, child, and wife; would not change my par till night, No lark blythe than more he. morn sta tion For ny oth- er in life. And this the bur den of his song For No doc - tor E'er law yer, sur geon, or used to be: I care for no - bod - y, ev er I And for no - bod - y, had groat from me; care a I, If no - bod - y cares for me. no, not I, Ιf no - bod - y for cares me. no, not

# Vocal Drill.



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# Vocal Drill.













No.14.

## Wandering.

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Let us suppose that the teacher by blowing the pipe, or striking the tuning fork, or from the piano, gives the class the correct pitch for the staff degree called C , and from this pitch as Do the class sing the descending scale, each note of the scale will be the normal or natural pitch of the staff degree on which it stands.

When no sharps or flats are placed on the staff degrees, the pitches which they represent are said to be natural. We speak of the key of C as the natural key for this reason.

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When sharps or flats occur on the staff degrees, they no longer represent the natural pitch, but a higher or a lower pitch, according with the characters used.



mf, mezzo forte, moderately loud.

p, piano, softly.

dim., diminuendo, to diminish the tone power.

### Dictation.

The character called the natural (\$\pi\$) is used to remove the effect of a sharp or a flat that precedes it.

If, for instance, we wish to remove the effect of a sharp, which causes the staff degree to represent a higher pitch, we apply a natural; thus restoring the degree to its natural condition. If we wish to represent a still higher pitch than a sharped staff degree indicates, a character known as the double sharp (x) is used.

The following dictation exercises are intended to illustrate the principle. The key is D. The signature is . The meter is 2. Se or flat seven is produced by placing a 1 on Si or seven of the scale, thus:

Se.

The natural thus removes the effect of the 2 in the signature.

### Exercises.



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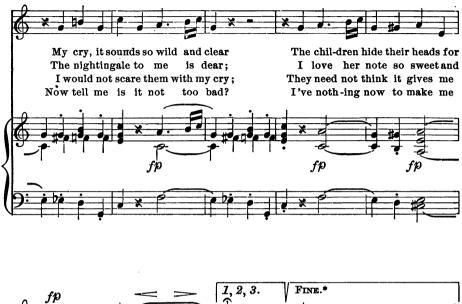


# No. 16.

### The little Screech Owl.



\*fp, abbreviation of the Italian words forte piano, meaning forte, strong, and piano, softly. It indicates that the tone is to be taken strong at first, then diminished in power to piano.





<sup>\*</sup> Fine (Italian), meaning the end.

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The difference in pitch represented by two staff degrees is called an interval. The interval from one staff degree to the next up or down is called a step. The interval from one staff degree to any other not the next is called a skip.



<sup>\*</sup>pp, abbreviation of the Italian word pianissimo, meaning very softly.

If we wish to represent a higher pitch on a staff degree that bears a flat the natural would be used, because it removes the effect of the flat and causes the degree to represent its natural or usual pitch; but if we wish to represent a lower pitch on a staff degree that already bears a flat we use another flat. This sign is called the double flat (bb).

The following exercises are intended to illustrate this principle. The key is F. The signature is . The meter is 3. Where is Do in this key? What must each measure contain in 3 meter? The 1 on fa removes the effect of the flat (b) in the signature, and produces fi.







### Vocal Drill.





Intervals are named from the number of staff degrees which they include. Thus the interval from any staff degree to the next is called a second; the interval from any staff degree to the next but one is called a third, and so on, thus:



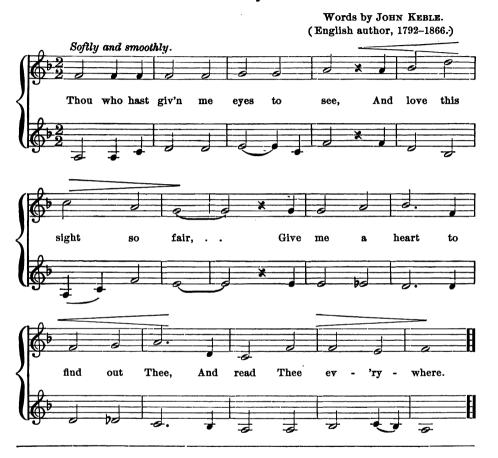




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## No. 19.

# A Prayer.





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Faith.



If we remember what we learned about the octave, we are able to understand why the natural would be used in this case if we wished to make the staff degree represent a higher pitch solution. The flat which is removed by the natural appears on the octave of the staff degree affected.



If we examine this exercise carefully, and sing it many times, we learn that no chromatic tone can be placed between Mi and Fa or between Si and Do, but that such tones may occur between all of the other tones.

This teaches us that while the seconds of the scale all look alike upon the staff, in reality two of them differ from the rest, in sound:



and in admitting no chromatic tone. These seconds are called Minor Seconds. (Minor means smaller.) The other seconds are called Major Seconds. (Major means larger.)

We see that each major second can be divided; that is, it admits a tone not as high as one and higher than the other of the two tones that constitute it . Thus between Sol and Fa comes Fi.

But Sol Fi and Do Si sound alike, and as Do Si is a minor second, so Sol Fi must be.

The following dictation exercises are intended to illustrate major and minor seconds. The key is C. The signature is . The meter is 2.

## Exercises.



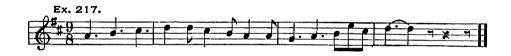


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## Vocal Drill.













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# Eventide.

#### (ABIDE WITH ME.) Melody by WILLIAM HENRY MONK (arr.) Words by HENRY FRANCIS LYTE. (English musician 1823-.) (English author, 1793-1847.) Moderately. bide with me! Fast falls the tide; 1. A ven -2. Swift · to its close ebbs out life's lit tle day; The dark - ness thick ens, Lord, with bide; me Earth's joys grow dim; its glo ries pass way, When oth ėr help ers fail, and com - forts flee. Change and de - cay in all round I see; Help of help - less, the bide with me. oh, Thou who chang - est bide with not, me.

All minor seconds, excepting the two that occur regularly in the scale, must be produced by accidentals. Sometimes the minor seconds of the scale are changed to major seconds by the use of accidentals, thus:



A careful study of the drill charts, Series G, will give the power to sing all possible arrangements of seconds with ease.

The following dictation exercises illustrate the formation of minor seconds. The key is F. The signature is The meter is 3.

## Exercises.







p, piano, softly.

cres., crescendo, to increase the tone power.

## No. 23.

## O Light-Bearing Star.

Music by C. H. FISCHER.



<sup>\*</sup>Andantino, diminutive of the Italian word Andante, to go, meaning in a moderate movement, not too quickly.



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## SECTION III.



<sup>\*</sup> The Rhythmic and Chromatic teaching of this section is fully presented and explained in Chart Series G. The teacher should open each lesson with a study of the chart exercises which illustrate the difficulty about to be taken up.





# Italy. (1)



<sup>\*</sup> Allegretto, in a lively, cheerful manner. f, forte, strong. p, piano, softly. cres., crescendo,



Rit., abbreviation of the Italian word ritenuto, to slacken the speed, to hold back. Dim., diminuendo. A tempo (Italian), in the speed of the beginning.



The special feature of the dictation exercises of this section consists in requiring the pupils to distinguish the meter and to place the proper metric signature to the exercise. Before the pupils are required to write, the teacher should repeat each exercise several times, dwelling forcibly upon the accent, to enable the pupils to decide what meter mark to use. When the pupils have completed their work, specimens may be copied on the blackboard, comparisons made, and errors corrected. The key is C. Where is Do in this key.





# Italy (11).



<sup>\*</sup>Molto (Italian), meaning much. Molto cres., increase considerably the tone power.



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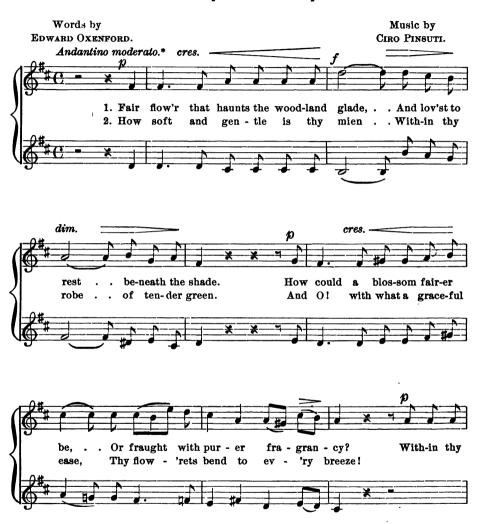
# Dictation.

The specific feature of this Dictation is the recognition of the meter. The key is D. Where is Do in this key? What is the signature?



# No. 27.

# The Lily of the Valley.



<sup>\*</sup>Andantino moderato (Italian), in a moderate, deliberate speed. p, piano, softly. f, forte, strong. cres., crescendo, —. dim., diminuendo, —.



<sup>\*</sup>Dim. e rall. (Italian), diminuendo e rallentando, meaning to diminish the tone power and to lessen the speed.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Con anima (Italian), with animation.







# Dictation.

The special feature is the recognition of the meter.

The key is F. Where is Do in this key? What is the signature?









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# Dictation.

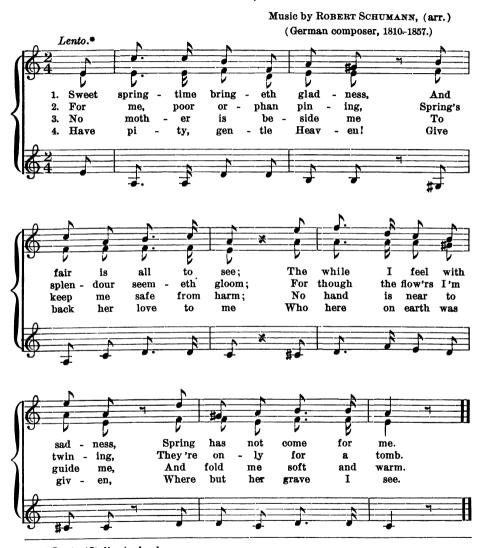
The special feature of this dictation is the recognition of the meter. The key is G. Where is Do in this key? What is the signature?



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No. 28.

The Orphan.



<sup>\*</sup> Lento (Italian), slowly.

# No. 29, The Heavens Declare Thy Glory.

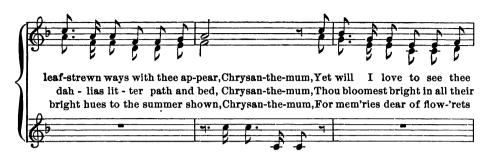


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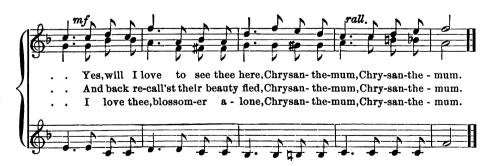
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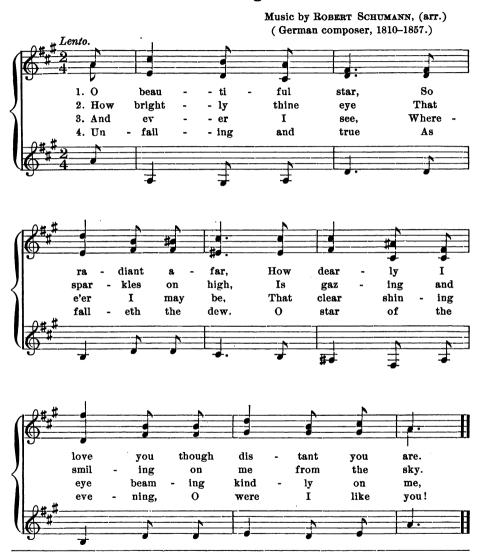
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The Child's Prayer.



The Evening Star.



Lento (Italian), slowly.

The Fairies' Dance.



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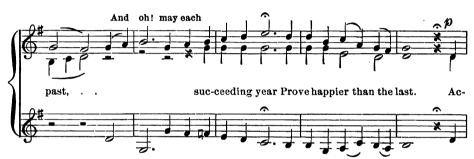
No. 35. A Little Song of Thankfulness.



Andante (Italian), slowly and with moderation.

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And oh! may each succeeding year Prove happier than the last.

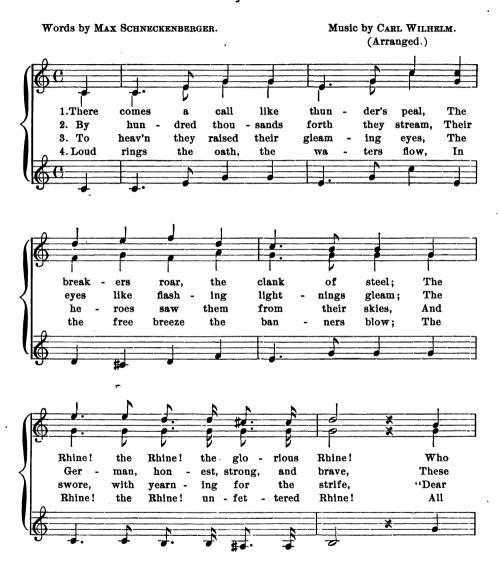


cept your officiens manas, and near vicio manas, their pest, men near vicio m

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# Watch by the Rhine.



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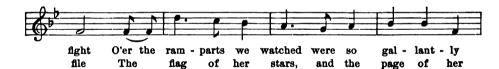


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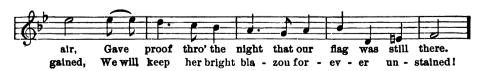
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No. 40. Heavenly Father, Sovereign Lord.

Words from "Songs for the Sanctuary," No. 889. FELIX MENDELSSOHN.



- 1. Heaven-ly Fa ther, sov'reign Lord, Be Thy glo-rious name a dored!
- 2. Though un-wor thy, Lord, Thine ear, Deign our hum-ble songs to hear;
- 3. While on earth ordained to stay, Guide our foot-steps in Thy way,
- 4. Then with an gel harps a gain We will wake a no bler strain;



Lord, Thy mer-cies nev - er fail; Hail ce - les - tial good-ness, hail.

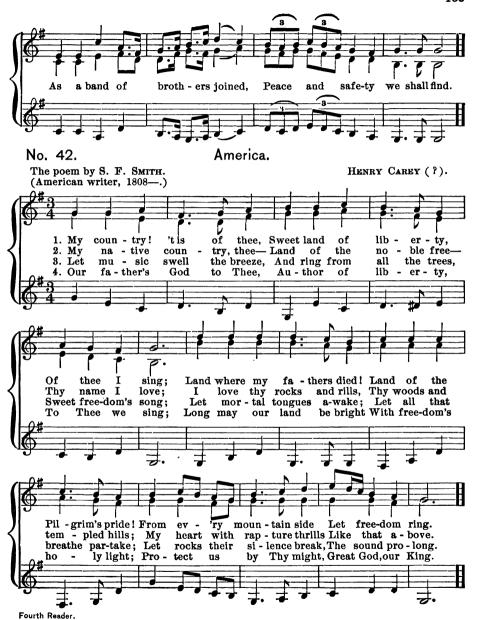
Pur - er praise we hope to bring, When a - round Thy throne we sing.

Till we come to dwell with Thee, Till we all Thy glo - ry see.

There, in joy - ful songs of praise, Our tri - umph - ant voi - ces raise.

### No. 41. Hail Columbia! Words by Joseph Hopkinson. (American author, 1770-1842.) Hail. Co - lum - bia! hap - py land! Hail. ye he - roes, 2. Im - mor tal pa - triots, rise once more! De - fend your rights, de heav'n-born-band! Who fought and bled in Freedom's cause, Who fought and bled in fend your shore! Let no rude foe with im-pious hand, Let no rude foe with Free dom's cause, And when the storm of war was gone, En pious hand, im In - vade the shrine where sa - cred lies Of joyed the peace your val - or won. Let in - de-pen-dence be our boast, and blood the well-carn'd prize. While off - 'ring peace, sin-cere and just, In Ev - cr mind - ful what it cost; Ev er grate - ful Heav'n we place man - ly trust, That truth and jus - tice for the prize, Let reach the skies. shall pre - vail, And ev -'ry scheme of bon - dage fail. let Firm. u - nit - ed, us be, Ral-lying round our lib - er - ty!

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# No. 43.

# Come, Thou Almighty King.

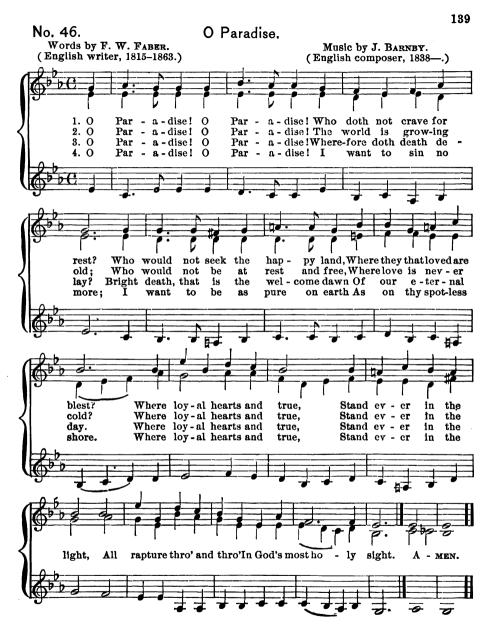
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# Jerusalem the Golden.





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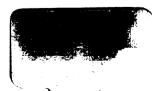
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